

Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank during January 2013

Decrease in Construction Cost Index (CCI)

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 112.91 with a decrease of 0.35% in the West Bank during January 2013 compared to December 2012 (base month December 2007=100).

The changes in the Construction Cost Index for January 2013 are traced back to the changes in the cost of the following major construction inputs compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Raw materials	- 0.50%
Iron and steel	- 2.83%
Cement products	- 0.24%
Tiles and panels from ceramic	- 0.19%
Cutting and shaping stones	- 0.10%
Cement, lime & gypsum	+ 1.22%
Rental of equipment	+ 0.19%
Labor cost and wages	0.00%

Stability in Road Cost Index (RCI)

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 116.15 with a slight decrease of 0.05% in the West Bank during January 2013 compared to December 2012 (base month December 2008=100).

The changes in the Road Cost Index for January 2013 are traced back to the changes in the cost of the following major road inputs compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Raw materials	- 0.13%
Iron and steel	- 2.79%
Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.84%
Quarries and quarrying products	+ 1.29%
Cement	+ 0.98%
Road paints	+ 0.40%
Cement products	+ 0.32%
Rental of equipment	+ 0.20%
Operating costs of equipment & maintenance	- 0.73%
Labor cost and wages	0.00%

Decrease in Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI)

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 109.77 with a decrease of 0.34% in the West Bank during January 2013 compared to December 2012 (base month January 2010=100).

The changes in the Water Networks Cost Index for January 2013 are traced back to the changes in the cost of the following major water networks inputs compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Water Reservoirs	- 0.85%
Iron	- 2.88%
Concrete	+ 0.57%
Excavations	+ 0.11%
Construction work and paint	+ 0.08%

Major Groups	%Change
Water Networks	- 0.10%
Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 0.80%
Plastic and steel pipes	- 0.15%
Deface Materials	+ 0.51%
Excavations	+ 0.11%

Stability in Sewage Networks Cost Index

The overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 106.17 with a slight increase by 0.04% in the West Bank during January 2013 compared to December 2012 (base month January 2010=100).

The changes in the Sewage Networks Cost Index for January 2013 are traced back to the changes in the cost of the following major sewage networks inputs compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Deface Materials	+ 0.51%
Plastic and cement pipes	+ 0.30%
Excavations	+ 0.11%
Asphalt, bitumen mixture & its products	- 0.80%
Fountains	- 0.40%

Note:

The data of the West Bank doesn't cover those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB:

1. Gaza Strip data is not available.
2. The difference in the percentage change in major groups of road, construction, water networks, and sewage networks cost index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.